

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 34-48 are all the claims pending in the application.

The claims were previously allowed. However, upon review, some inconsistencies were found in both the specification and claims. This RCE is being filed to correct the inconsistencies.

Specifically, paragraph 10 of the specification and claims 35 and 36 have been amended to recite that the cross-linkers X and Y can additionally be H, provided that X and Y are not both H at the same time. Support is found throughout the specification, for example, in paragraph 24.

In addition, paragraph 24 has been amended to add the proviso that when X and/or Y is NO₂, Z is not H. Support is found throughout the specification, for example, in paragraph 10 and in claims 35 and 36.

Accordingly, no new matter is added.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

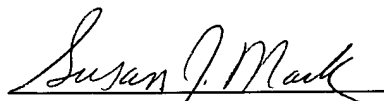
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